Title: Need to amend the Sikh Gurudwara Act, 1925 to make election of SGPC mandatory after five years − Laid.

SARDAR SIMRANJIT SINGH MANN (SANGRUR) : Elections to the general house of SGPC are overdue. In 1996, general elections to the SGPC were held after a gap of 17 years and in 1979, after a delay of 14 years.

Since 1966, all amendments − substantive and procedural are carried out by a mere notification of the Home Ministry in consultation with the SGPC.

The popular will of the sikhs, as expressed by resolution of the SGPC are the yardsticks to be followed by the Ministry of Home Affairs and this has been the case all along. As per the provisions of the Act, the elections are to be held after every five years. The term of the present Committee was over in September 2001, but elections have not been held so far.

In the interest of justice to the Sikhs, I request that ;

- The elections to the SGPC should be held without delay.
- Appropriate amendment must be made in the Sikh Gurdwara Act, 1925 to make elections after every five year mandatory.